



Death Valley . . . so empty, so vast, so simple, so quiet.

Then, with a rush and a cry, a raven soars past, drawing your attention to the unexpected details around you. A flicker of movement makes you grab your camera, but the lizard darts away before you can take a picture. Now you notice flowers growing in the shadow of a rock. More surprises await. . . . Discover pine woodlands atop high mountains or life crowded around isolated springs. Rise with the sun and watch light touch the snowy peaks, slide down the slopes, and illuminate the valley floor—revealing colors and textures that wash out in the harsh light of midday.

Half the park is after dark when silence and darkness reign.

At night, your senses sharpen to detect subtle sounds and the glory of the night sky. Be still and listen. The silence is so deep you can hear crystals on the salt flats pop as they contract in the cooling evening. Catch a glimpse of creatures once hidden from the daytime heat, now skittering between rocks or racing across the sand. As your eyes adjust to the dark, look up—the clear, dry air and few lights let billions of stars shine through Earth's atmosphere. This after-dark extravaganza has earned Death Valley the designation of International Dark Sky Park.

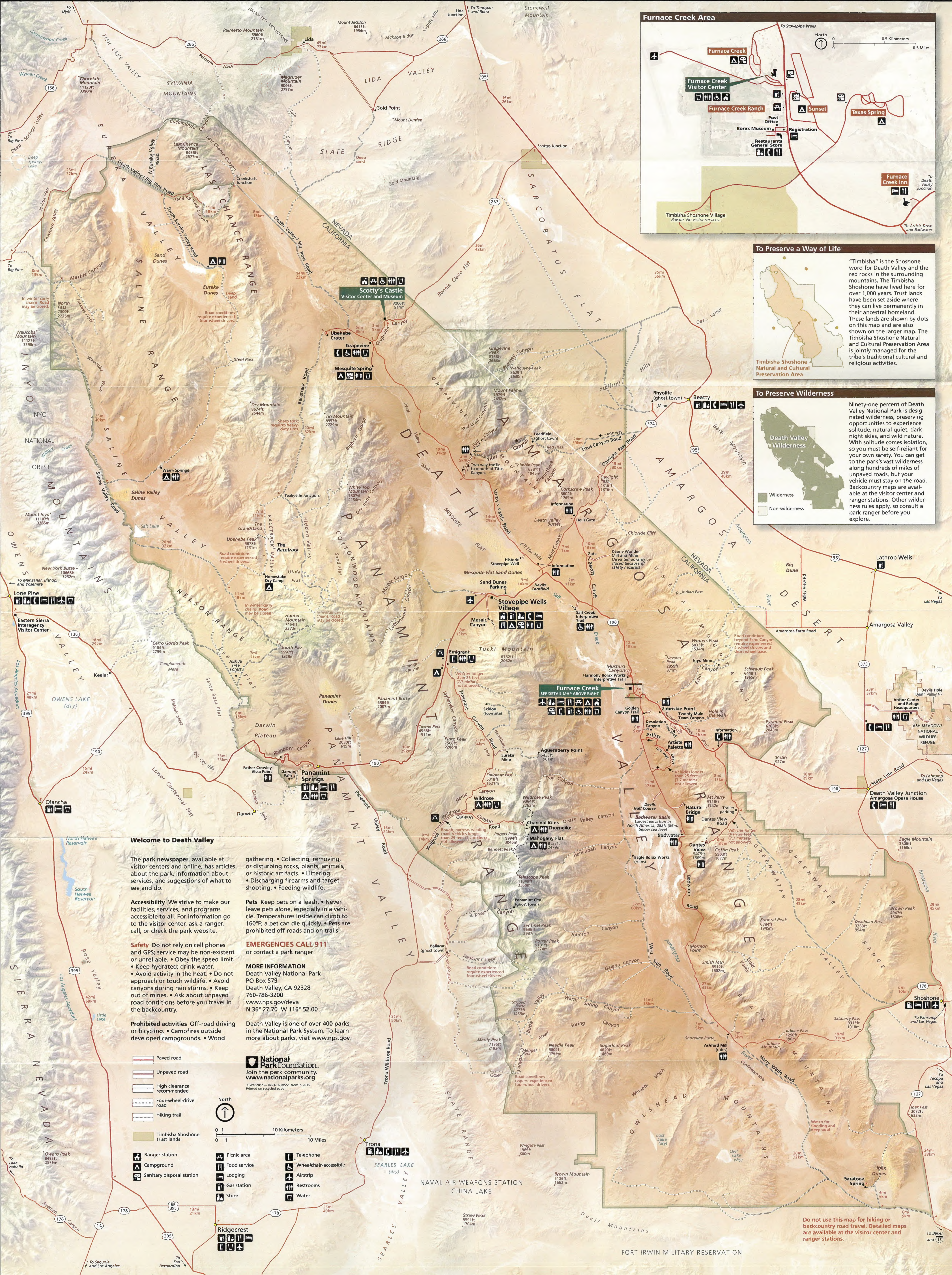
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To Preserve a Way of Life

"Timbisha" is the Shoshone word for Death Valley and the red rocks in the surrounding mountains. The Timbisha Shoshone have lived here for over 1,000 years. Trust lands have been set aside where they can live permanently in their ancestral homeland. These lands are shown by dots on this map and are also shown on the larger map. The Timbisha Shoshone Natural and Cultural Preservation Area is jointly managed for the tribe's traditional cultural and religious activities.

To Preserve Wilderness

Ninety-one percent of Death Valley National Park is designated wilderness, preserving opportunities to experience solitude, natural quiet, dark night skies, and wild nature. With solitude comes isolation, so you must be self-reliant for your own safety. You can get to the park's vast wilderness along hundreds of miles of unpaved roads, but your vehicle must stay on the road. Backcountry maps are available at the visitor center and ranger stations. Other wilderness rules apply, so consult a park ranger before you explore.

Welcome to Death Valley

The park newspaper, available at visitor centers and online, has articles about the park, information about services, and suggestions of what to see and do.

Accessibility We strive to make our facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. For information go to the visitor center, ask a ranger, call, or check the park website.

Safety Do not rely on cell phones and GPS; service may be non-existent or unreliable. • Obey the speed limit. • Keep hydrated; drink water. • Avoid activity in the heat. • Do not approach or touch wildlife. • Avoid canyons during rain storms. • Keep out of mines. • Ask about unpaved road conditions before you travel in the backcountry.

Prohibited activities Off-road driving or bicycling. • Campfires outside developed campgrounds. • Wood

gathering. • Collecting, removing, or disturbing rocks, plants, animals, or historic artifacts. • Littering. • Discharging firearms and target shooting. • Feeding wildlife.

Pets Keep pets on a leash. • Never leave pets alone, especially in a vehicle. Temperatures inside can climb to 160°F; a pet can die quickly. • Pets are prohibited off roads and on trails.

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or contact a park ranger

MORE INFORMATION
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- Paved road
- Unpaved road
- High clearance recommended
- Four-wheel-drive road
- Hiking trail
- Timbisha Shoshone trust lands
- Ranger station
- Campground
- Sanitary disposal station
- Picnic area
- Food service
- Lodging
- Gas station
- Store
- Telephone
- Wheelchair-accessible
- Airstrip
- Restrooms
- Water

Do not use this map for hiking or backcountry road travel. Detailed maps are available at the visitor center and ranger stations.

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